



98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB5569

by Rep. Kelly M. Cassidy

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Conversion Therapy Prohibition Act. Defines "mental health provider" and "sexual orientation change efforts". Provides that no mental health provider shall engage in sexual orientation change efforts with a person under the age of 18. Further provides that any sexual orientation change effort attempted on a person under the age of 18 by a mental health provider shall be considered unprofessional conduct and that a mental health provider found to have engaged in a sexual orientation change effort shall be disciplined by the licensing entity or disciplinary review board with competent jurisdiction.

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1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Conversion Therapy Prohibition Act.

6 Section 5. Purpose. The purpose of this Act is to prohibit
7 the use of sexual orientation change efforts, also known as
8 conversion therapy, by mental health providers licensed by or
9 practicing in the State of Illinois

10 Section 10. Definitions. For the purposes of this Act:

11 "Mental health provider" means a clinical psychologist
12 licensed under the Clinical Psychology Licensing Act; a school
13 psychologist as defined in the School Code; a psychiatrist as
14 defined in Section 1-121 of the Mental Health and Developmental
15 Disabilities Code; a clinical social worker or social worker
16 licensed under the Clinical Social Work and Social Work
17 Practice Act; a marriage and family therapist or associate
18 marriage and family therapist licensed under the Marriage and
19 Family Therapy Licensing Act; a professional counselor or
20 clinical professional counselor licensed under the
21 Professional Counselor and Clinical Professional Counselor
22 Licensing and Practice Act; or any students, interns,

1 volunteers, or other persons assisting or acting under the
2 direction or guidance of any of these licensed professionals.

3 "Sexual orientation change efforts" or "conversion
4 therapy" means any practices or treatments that seek to change
5 an individual's sexual orientation, including efforts to
6 change behaviors or gender expressions or to eliminate or
7 reduce sexual or romantic attractions or feelings towards
8 individuals of the same sex. "Sexual orientation change
9 efforts" or "conversion therapy" does not include counseling or
10 mental health services that provide acceptance, support, and
11 understanding of a person without seeking to change sexual
12 persuasion or orientation or mental health services that
13 facilitate a person's coping, social support, and gender
14 identity exploration and development, including sexual
15 persuasion neutral interventions to prevent or address
16 unlawful conduct or unsafe sexual practices, without seeking to
17 change sexual persuasion or orientation.

18 Section 15. Prohibition on conversion therapy. Under no
19 circumstances shall a mental health provider engage in sexual
20 orientation change efforts with a person under the age of 18.

21 Section 20. Discipline. Any sexual orientation change
22 effort attempted on a person under the age of 18 by a mental
23 health provider shall be considered unprofessional conduct.
24 Mental health providers found to have engaged in a sexual

1 orientation change effort shall be disciplined by the licensing
2 entity or disciplinary review board with competent
3 jurisdiction.